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Number of wells dug under the Grow More Food Scheme in Nellore district.

* 120 *Q*.—Sri B. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many wells were dug in Nellore district under the Grow More Food Scheme from 1947;

(*b*) how much money was sanctioned to this scheme in Nellore district;

(*c*) how much land has been brought under irrigation by these wells; and

(*d*) what is the yield per acre under this scheme in Nellore district?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—(*a*) One thousand six hundred and twenty-nine wells were dug in Nellore district under the Grow More Food Scheme from 1947.

"(*b*) An amount of Rs. 24,19,650 was sanctioned under the various well subsidy schemes in Nellore district since 1947.

"(*c*) An extent of 1,429·90 acres of land has been brought under irrigation by these wells since 1947.

"(*d*) There is no separate yardstick fixed for Nellore district regarding the yield per acre. An yield of ½ ton of rice per acre has been reckoned as the common yardstick for the area irrigated under the wells scheme in the State."

Sri B. SANKARAYYA:—"ఈ స్కీము క్రింద సాధారణంగా 20, 25 ఎకరాలు వున్నటువంటి భూస్వాములకే బావుల సబ్సిడీలు యిస్తున్నారు, అంతకంటె తక్కువ భూమిగల పేద రైతులకు ఈ జి.యం.యఫ్. స్కీముక్రింద సబ్సిడీలు అందటంలేదు. ఈ విషయం గవర్నమెంటువారికి తెలుసునా? అయితే ఇక ముందైనా ఇటువంటి అన్యాయాలు జరగకుండా చేస్తారా?"

10-50 a.m. The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"లేదండి."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"From the answer given by the Hon. Minister, the scheme appears to have conferred a great deal of benefit on the State. But the Government have stopped the grant of well subsidy. May I request the Hon. Minister to reconsider the position and resume the grant of well subsidy throughout the State?"

The Hon. Sri M. A MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The original question is not about Ramanathapuram district but about Nellore district. Anyway, I will consider it."

An hon. MEMBER:—"Will the Hon. Minister consider the extension of well subsidy scheme this year also to Nellore district, and grant the subsidy in instalments based on the progress of the work done as in the case of Rural Welfare wells so that the money may not be misused?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"The Government will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

SRI A. APPU:—"Were the well subsidy grants treated as loans or subsidies? If they were treated as subsidies, were all the wells inspected by the competent officers and declared as having been completed?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I should think so."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI:—"My hon. Friend put a question in Telugu and the Hon. Minister answered 'లేదండి' without understanding the gist of the question. I should think that this is treating the House in a very cavalier manner, and this has got to be put an end to. If the Hon. Minister has not understood the question, he should have got it translated and given the proper answer."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"I understood the purport of the question and the answer was in the negative. So I said 'లేదండి'."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI:—"May I know, whether the Government have postponed the collection of instalments of well subsidy in Rayalaseema where wells could not be dug in view of the serious famine conditions?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"Yes, Sir, that is my impression."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"Evidently the Hon. Minister misunderstood my question. My question was, whether in view of the great usefulness of the well subsidy scheme, the Government will resume it throughout the State."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—"With reference to the statement of the Hon. Minister that he gave the answer to the question put to him in Telugu after understanding the purport of it, may I request him to give the gist of the question? The purport of the question was whether a complaint had reached the Government to the effect, that in several cases only landlords got the well subsidy under the Grow More Food Scheme and not the poor people, and whether the Government would see that such things do not happen hereafter. The answer was 'No'. That shows that the Minister has not understood the question. If he has understood the question, the answer should have been 'I shall see that hereafter such things do not happen'."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"It was a long question and the answer was with reference to one part of it. The rest of the question was not audible."